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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN GRANT PAYMENTS TO MUNICIPALITIES AND THE CREATION OF ASSISTANT COMPTROLLER POSITIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 7-522 of the general
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (c) Upon recommendation by the Local Emergency Relief Advisory
5 Committee of approval of an application for an emergency relief grant,
6 and upon approval of such recommendation by the Finance Advisory
7 Committee, under subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary of the
8 Office of Policy and Management shall certify to the Comptroller the
9 amount due to the municipality. Not later than [fifteen] five business
10 days after such certification, the Comptroller shall draw his or her
11 order on the Treasurer, [and, not later than fifteen days thereafter, the
12 Treasurer] who shall pay the grant to the municipality.

13 (d) In the case of an emergency relief grant, the proceeds of which
14 shall be used to satisfy a local matching requirement for federal

15 assistance under the federal Disaster Relief Act, upon approval by the
16 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management of a completed
17 federal disaster assistance application, the secretary shall certify to the
18 Comptroller the amount due to the municipality. Not later than
19 [fifteen] five business days after such certification, the Comptroller
20 shall draw his or her order on the Treasurer, [and, not later than fifteen
21 days thereafter, the Treasurer] who shall pay the grant to the
22 municipality.

23 Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 7-536 of the general statutes is
24 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
25 *passage*):

26 (g) Each municipality may apply to the secretary for expense
27 reimbursement at the time it submits a local capital improvement
28 project authorization request or any time after such authorization
29 request has been approved by the secretary. The application for
30 expense reimbursement shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the
31 secretary and shall contain identification of the expenses for which
32 reimbursement is sought and certification from the municipality that:
33 (1) Expenditures for the project conform to the provisions of
34 subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of this section and the municipality is
35 entitled to the reimbursement requested in the application; and (2) the
36 municipality agrees to maintain detailed accounting records of the
37 project reflecting the expenditures for which reimbursement has been
38 requested and to make such records available to its independent
39 auditor and the state. The municipality shall provide any other
40 certification required by the secretary. Not later than [fifteen] five
41 business days after such certification, the Comptroller shall draw his or
42 her order on the Treasurer, [and, not later than fifteen days thereafter,
43 the Treasurer] who shall pay the grant to the municipality.

44 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 7-608 of the general statutes is
45 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
46 *passage*):

47 (d) There is created a neighborhood revitalization zone grant-in-aid
 48 program to be administered by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
 49 Management, for the purpose of providing financial assistance for the
 50 benefit of neighborhood revitalization zone planning committees. Such
 51 financial assistance, within available appropriations, shall be used for
 52 activities that promote neighborhood organizational development,
 53 economic development and business planning, specialized curriculum
 54 development, leadership training, the use of technology, property
 55 management, landlord-tenant relations, intergovernmental relations
 56 and such other activities as the board may deem appropriate. The
 57 secretary shall review recommendations regarding the disbursement
 58 of moneys made by the board and shall make a determination
 59 concerning the awarding of such financial assistance. Upon making a
 60 determination, the secretary shall certify to the State Comptroller the
 61 amount payable and the recipient of such grant. Not later than [fifteen]
 62 five business days after such certification, the State Comptroller shall
 63 draw his or her order on the State Treasurer, [and not later than fifteen
 64 days thereafter, the State Treasurer] who shall pay such grant. The
 65 secretary shall not certify a grant in an amount exceeding ten thousand
 66 dollars.

67 Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 12-62f of the general statutes is
 68 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 69 *passage*):

70 (d) Upon approval of an application for state financial assistance,
 71 the secretary shall certify to the Comptroller the amount due to the
 72 municipality. Not later than [fifteen] five business days after such
 73 certification, the Comptroller shall draw his or her order on the
 74 Treasurer, [and not later than fifteen days thereafter, the Treasurer]
 75 who shall pay the grant to the municipality.

76 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision
 77 of the general statutes, the Comptroller may appoint such assistant
 78 comptrollers as necessary for the efficient conduct of the business of

79 the Comptroller. Such assistant comptrollers shall be in the
80 unclassified service and may be removed by the Comptroller.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	7-522(c) and (d)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	7-536(g)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	7-608(d)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	12-62f(d)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To make all provisions concerning the processing of certain grant payments to municipalities by the Comptroller consistent and to provide the Comptroller with the authority to appoint assistant comptrollers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]